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Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing you today regarding the status of the Lawndale School District's pending E-rate program application. The E-rate program is designed to ensure that all eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. For the past nine years, the E-rate program has immensely benefited the students of the Lawndale School District by providing internet access and internal connections in their classrooms serving as a vital educational tool.

For almost a year now, the Lawndale School District's staff has been actively engaged in the E-rate application process. On March 17, 2011, their staff has submitted a total of six applications (*list of application numbers are below*) to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company. They have completed both the FCC 450 and 451 forms as required and yet to have been contacted about the status of their application. The Schools and Libraries Division has informed the Lawndale School District that their application is complete but have failed to provide them with an update on where they are in the application process and a timeline for when they can expect an official response regarding approval. As you may know, students have begun to come back from their holiday vacations and are unable to use computers in the classrooms because the available bandwidth is insufficient for them to even connect to the internet.

As the Congresswoman for California's 35th Congressional District, and a member of the California delegation, it is my duty to provide the best opportunities and resources for my constituents. Accordingly, I will continue to work to ensure that the students in my district receive the necessary resources to support their educational growth. I am requesting that you provide me with any information you may have regarding the status of the Lawndale School District's E-Rate applications and a timeline for which they can expect an official response regarding approval. In the words of Lawndale's Deputy Superintendent of Business Services John Vinke, "each day of delay is a lost educational opportunity that could help our students succeed and be best prepared to lead the future."

Thank you for all of your help and I anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Member of Congress

<u>Form 471 Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant Form Identification</u>
788248	YR14TELCO
788449	YR14EMAIL
788137	YR14SUN
788415	YR14AND
788473	YR14LANPBX
804392	LESDYR14INT



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

March 28, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Maxine Waters
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Waters:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Lawndale School District. I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention and have directed the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Telecommunications Access Policy Division to respond. I am pleased to provide the enclosed letter addressing your concerns.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski

Enclosure



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 28, 2012

The Honorable Maxine Waters
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0535

Dear Congresswoman Waters:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the concerns of the Lawndale School District. Specifically, you inquired about the status of six pending applications under the schools and libraries universal service mechanism, commonly referred to as the E-rate program, for the Lawndale School District.

The Commission strives to balance the goal of providing the important benefits of the E-rate program to eligible schools and libraries with the need to protect the integrity of the program and investigate potential waste, fraud, and abuse. We have confirmed that on January 31, 2012, and February 7, 2012, USAC issued funding commitment letters for four of the six applications. On January 31, 2012, USAC committed the following funds: \$65,239.63 for application 788248; \$96,120.00 for application 788137; and \$33,852.04 for application 804392. Then, on February 7, 2012, USAC committed \$65,442.49 for application 788415. The remaining applications, 788449 and 788473, have not been funded. USAC will issue funding commitment letters for the remaining two funding requests as soon as it has completed its review.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Trent B. Harkrader
Chief
Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau